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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON

BRIAN GUNDERSON,

Case No.

Plaintiff,

v.

CREDITORS INTERCHANGE
RECEIVABLE MANAGEMENT, LLC;

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATIONS OF
FAIR DEBT COLLECTION
PRACTICES ACT; and VIOLATION
OF THE OREGON UNLAWFUL
DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES
ACT

Defendant.

JURY REQUESTED

JURISDICTION

1. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 for pendent state law claims.
2. This action arises out of Defendant's violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA"), as well as other state law tort claims.
3. Venue is proper in this District because the acts and transactions occurred here, Plaintiff resides here, and Defendant transacts business here.

COMPLAINT

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PARTIES

4. Plaintiff Brian Gunderson (hereinafter “Plaintiff”) is a natural person who resides in the City of Springfield, State of Oregon, and is a “consumer” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

5. Defendant Creditors Interchange Receivable Management, LLC (hereinafter “Defendant”) operating from an address of 80 Holtz Drive Cheektowaga, New York is a “debt collector” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

6. Plaintiff purchased a car for his personal, family or household use.

7. Plaintiff defaulted on his payments.

8. Plaintiff’s defaulted debt was sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred to Defendant.

9. Plaintiff is currently serving in Iraq and has been serving since November of 2007.

10. In April 2008 Plaintiff’s mother and step-father received phone calls from Defendant for the debt owed by Plaintiff.

11. Plaintiff’s step-father informed Defendant that Plaintiff was serving in Iraq and not to contact him regarding Plaintiff’s debt.

12. In May of 2008 Defendant called Plaintiff’s mother and step-father regarding the debt. Plaintiff’s step-father told Defendant to stop contacting him regarding Plaintiff’s debt.

13. In June of 2008 Defendant contacted Plaintiff’s mother and step-father. Defendant stated to Plaintiff’s mother that under Article 32 Defendant was allowed to contact Plaintiff’s commanding officer and inform him of the debt. Defendant stated Plaintiff’s commanding officer

would “rough him up, since soldiers are not to leave on deployment in debt.”

14. Despite Plaintiff’s mother and step-father’s efforts, Defendant continues to contact Plaintiff’s mother and step-father regarding Plaintiff’s debt.

15. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant’s actions Plaintiff has suffered actual damages in the form of emotional distress, anger, anxiety, worry, frustration, among other negative emotions.

TRIAL BY JURY

16. Plaintiff is entitled to and hereby respectfully demands a trial by jury. US Const. amend. 7. Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 38.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I.

VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*

17. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

18. The foregoing acts and omissions of defendant constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA including, but not limited to, 15 U.S.C. § 1692b, 1692b(3), 1692d, 1692d(1), 1692e, 1692e(5), 1692e(10), and 1692f.

19. As a result of defendant’s violations of the FDCPA, plaintiff is entitled to actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1); statutory damages in an amount up to \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A); and, reasonable attorney’s fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3).

COUNT II.

UNLAWFUL DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

20. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

21. Defendant's actions constitute multiple violations of the UDCPA including but not limited to ORS 646.639(2)(a), (e), (k).

22. As a result of such action plaintiff is entitled to actual damages and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial and injunctive relief pursuant to ORS 646.641.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against defendants for:

COUNT I.

VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.*

for an award of actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1) against each and every defendant;

for an award of statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A) against each and every defendant;

for an award of costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) against each and every defendant;

COUNT II.

UDCPA

ORS 646.639 et seq

for an award of actual and punitive damages against each and every defendant in an amount to be determined at trial pursuant to ORS 646.641;

for an order enjoining each and every defendant from violating any provision of the UDCPA pursuant to ORS 646.641;

for attorney fees and the costs of litigation against each and every defendant pursuant to ORS 646.641.

DATED: March 10, 2009

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